



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, in the past twenty years medical science has made great strides in learning about substance use and the nature of addiction; and

WHEREAS, addiction is a chronic, relapsing illness that involves a number of brain chemistry disorders. Treatment for addiction is as effective as treatments for other chronic medical conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure; and

WHEREAS, substance use and addiction result in huge societal and economic costs and it was recently estimated that the cost of untreated addiction in the United States is \$276 billion a year. The toll substance abuse takes on the family and friends of the individual battling with addiction is immeasurable; and

WHEREAS, recovery is possible--every day, in every part of the United States, men, women and youth are entering treatment and beginning the road to recovery with families seeking hope and recovery in support programs and counseling. In New Jersey there are numerous public and private programs to help individuals; and

WHEREAS, Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month celebrates the tremendous strides taken by individuals who have undergone successful treatment, families in recovery, and recognizes those in the treatment field who have dedicated their lives to helping people recover from addiction; and

WHEREAS, during 2001 the national campaign focuses on supporting those in addiction treatment and recovery and those they directly or indirectly impact. It embraces the theme, "We Recover Together: Family, Friends and Community";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD T. DiFRANCESCO, Senate President, Acting Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

SEPTEMBER 2001

as

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

in New Jersey, and encourage all residents to promote the benefits of drug and alcohol addiction treatment and recovery and to support community treatment programs.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-first day of August in the year of Our Lord two thousand one and of the Independence of the United States, the two hundred and twenty-sixth.

SENATE PRESIDENT,  
ACTING GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

DeFOREST B. SOARIES, JR.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE